

REMARKS

Claim 8-19 are now pending in this application. Claims 8-14 were previously pending. By the Amendment, Claims 12 and 14 are currently amended, new Claims 15-19 have been added, and Claims 8-11 and 13 remain unchanged.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claim 12 includes allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 12 is allowable. Dependent Claims 15-19 depend from independent Claim 12 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, based on the assertion that no support exists in the specification for having further openings in the bottom of the drawer. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Attention is respectfully directed to page 5, lines 23-24 of the specification, which state: "Further openings can be provided in the bottom of the drawer 210 adjacent to the edge zone 214 of the drawer 210." In light of the content of the specification, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 8-11 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,904,840 to Pfeifer et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 8 recites a drawer being removably and detachably connected to the housing. The Office Action asserts that it is apparent that drawer 16 in Pfeifer could be removed and returned. Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion and

submit that Pfeifer does not teach or suggest that drawer 16 is removably and detachably connected to a housing. Further, based on the described operation of drawer 16 in Pfeifer, there is no apparent reason to remove or detach drawer 16 from the housing.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Pfeifer does not disclose each and every feature of Claims 8-11 and 14, and therefore rejection under 35 USC §102(a) is inappropriate. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,904,840 to Pfeifer et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,783 to Basile et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 depends from claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that Basile does not remedy the deficiencies of Pfeifer discussed above. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Pfeifer and Basile does not suggest the features of Claim 13 and therefore rejection under 35 USC §103(a) is inappropriate. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 8-19 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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